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We value positive relationships and
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PRINCIPAL'S POST

Dear Parents and Friends

Albany Spelling Championships

Earlier this week we had four teams competing at the Albany Spelling Championships. Schools from across the district competed in Senior and Junior competitions. Students worked in teams of three to correctly spell words and determine the meaning of words. Our students performed very well, with one of our Yr 3/4 teams coming 1st. Congratulations to the following students for their positive representation of our school:

Yr 6's: *Sophia, Devin, Jafar, Vela.*

Yr 5's: *Evelyn, James.*

Yr 4's: *Chloe, Calvin, Grace, Scarlett.*

Yr 3's: *Kade, Braxton.*



Bunnings Tree Planting

We are very fortunate to have our local Bunnings store partnering with our early childhood students and staff to plant 24 native trees across the school. Some of these will be planted in the ECE area, some along our fence line near the oval and some in our island areas within the car park.

Our students are very excited about planting these trees and seeing them grow and establish we would ask our broader Spencer Park community to help care for these new additions.

Many thanks to Bunnings for their donations of trees, time and umbrellas



Poetry Competition

A number of students recently participated in a poetry writing competition that was sponsored by our local Poetry Committee. Students created wonderful poems about a range of topics and then submitted them for judging. There were several fantastic submissions and some of these were performed by the students and placed on our Facebook page. Thank you to Mr Ian Bateman for coordinating this competition.

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FUTURE DATES

Assembly Room 9

Music Festival AEC

Open Night 5.30pm-7.00pm

School Photos

Fri 1 Sept

Wed 6 Sept

Wed 13 Sept

13, 14 & 15 Sept

- **Respect** everyone and their things. • **Care** for self, others and our world. • Show people **tolerance** and **include** them. •
- Be **honest** and **trustworthy** by taking **responsibility** for your actions. •

Book Week

What a fantastic week of celebrating books we had last week! Throughout the week we had a number of 'book reads' performed by various staff. These books were very entertaining and can be accessed by students in the library. Our visiting author/illustrator worked with students to show the skills/knowledge involved in creating a children's book and our second-hand book swap was an amazing success with lots of books swapping hands and getting a new lease on life. We completed a busy week with an amazing Rm 1 assembly item and the colourful costume parade! Thank you to everyone involved in making this week a success, particularly Mrs MacKenzie and Mrs Ruffell.

Jeremy Hadlow
Principal

VALUES CERTIFICATES

We congratulate the following students who received certificates at Monday's Mini assembly.



Care For Our World	
PP1	Lukas
PP2	Shila
Rm 1	Lucas
Rm 2	Charli
Rm 3	Calvin
Rm 8	Edyn
Rm 9	Azaria
Rm 11	Flynn
Rm 19	Jaxon
Rm 24	Lilly-anne
Rm 25	Laveah



Responsibility	
PP1	Ada
PP2	Parker
Rm 1	Aaliyah
Rm 2	Arden
Rm 3	Harmony
Rm 8	Patience
Rm 9	Verna
Rm 11	Jayce
Rm 19	Isaac
Rm 24	Shilah
Rm 25	Alyson

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

We congratulate the following students who received certificates at the last assembly.

PP 1	Taylor, Ruby, Harlo	
PP 2	Matilda, Logan	
Rm 1	Zylas, Ariyah, Lauren	
Rm 2	Kyah, Ebony, Riley	
Rm 3	Ronald, Lizahn	
Rm 8	Detroy, Ruby, Dante, Tahnaya, Patrick	
Rm 9	Vela, Kade, Savanah	
Rm 11	Daleini, Channaye, Indi, Sophia	
Rm 19	Tyler	
Rm 24	Shilah, Lindsay	
Rm 25	Laveah, Eli	
Science	Emelia	Rm 8
Mrs	Indigo	Rm 2
Murray	Brooklyn	Rm 25

NATSIC DAY CELEBRATIONS

Our Coolangarras and SPPS Kindy children celebrated National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day, with a special visit from the Wirlomin Crew and the Deadly Sista Girlz from NASHS. They had a fantastic time learning culture, singing, dancing, crafting, and cooking making damper and fish on the campfire. Thank you to everyone who participated.



STORY DOGS

A huge thanks to everyone for your generous donations towards Story Dogs, we raised \$192.90. Story Dogs have been involved with our school this year to encourage students to become confident lifelong readers. George and Harry (the dogs) visit on Monday afternoons and told us they LOVED being involved in our Book Parade and thought we did it especially for them. They were particularly impressed with everyone's fantastic costumes.





PRINCIPAL'S PATTER

PBS AWARDS

Golden Bee Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have done a great job in class being Friendly, Safe and Best and have earned a Golden Bee Award:

Room 13

Troy, Eden, Duke

Room 22

Alex, Jax, Logan H, Havana, Autumn

Room 23

Max, Bentley

Room 26

Glen, Kelsey

Zayn, Logan H, Mrs Garcia-Wright and Mrs Barrett all earned canteen vouchers for being safe and sharing equipment.

Keep up the amazing work, you are all superstars!



Spencer Park Education Support Centre Behaviour Expectations

Each week we have an Expectation of the Week focus. This week we focus on:

Be / Best

I can be my Best.



AUSLAN/Key Word Sign

Our key word signs support our Expectation of the Week:

I can be my best by getting to work right away.

I



Best



Work



Right



Away

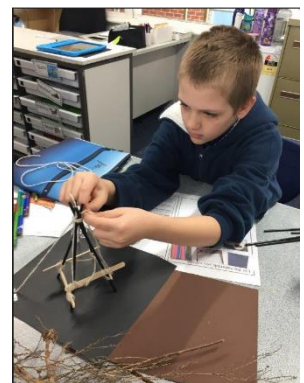


CLASSROOM NEWS - SPESC

Room 13 - News

Room 13 have been really enjoying their swimming lessons this term. They are becoming much more confident in the water and are learning a lot of great new skills.

Mrs Weston has also been joining us this term on Thursdays and has been challenging the students with some thought-provoking STEM tasks. So far this term they have designed a bridge to support a weight and a bottle to hold a secret message.





BOOK WEEK

Last week we celebrated book week and on Friday the classes decorated their doors and dressed up for the Costume Parade. Well done to everyone for their amazing costumes and classroom themes!

Best door prize was awarded to Room 26. Gracie, Charlie, Zayn, Clark, Tommy and Mrs Payne received prizes for the best costumes.



DENMARK AG COLLEGE

On 7 August, Room 9 and Room 11 went on an excursion to the Denmark Agriculture College for their Design and Tech Topic, Paddock to Plate.

While they were there, they split into two groups according to which room they were in. Some of our favourite spots to see, were the Robotic Dairy and the Machinery area.

At the agriculture college there was several stations to complete, including:

- Equine Station
- Poultry
- Machinery
- Cattle
- Robotic dairy
- Sheep shearing
- Beehives and plants

All of the stations were fun and we had a great time! Evelyn and Eloise, Rm 9



SMS AND SERVER SHUTDOWN

Our school server will be upgraded in week 9, commencing on Monday 11 September until Wednesday 13 September. During this time our School SMS facility will not be available and absentee messages will not be sent, neither will you be able to contact us via SMS.

If you have changed your address or phone number please advise the school immediately to ensure our data is current before the upgrade as we will have read-only access to student records during the upgrade.

BOOK WEEK IN PICTURES



Bec Wheatley-Deal
Principal





KINDY ENROLMENTS 2024

Places are filling fast for a spot in our Kindy program next year. If you or someone you know is looking for a Kindy placement in 2024 please come to the school office to complete a registration form. We will require a birth certificate and an immunisation record from the ACIR.

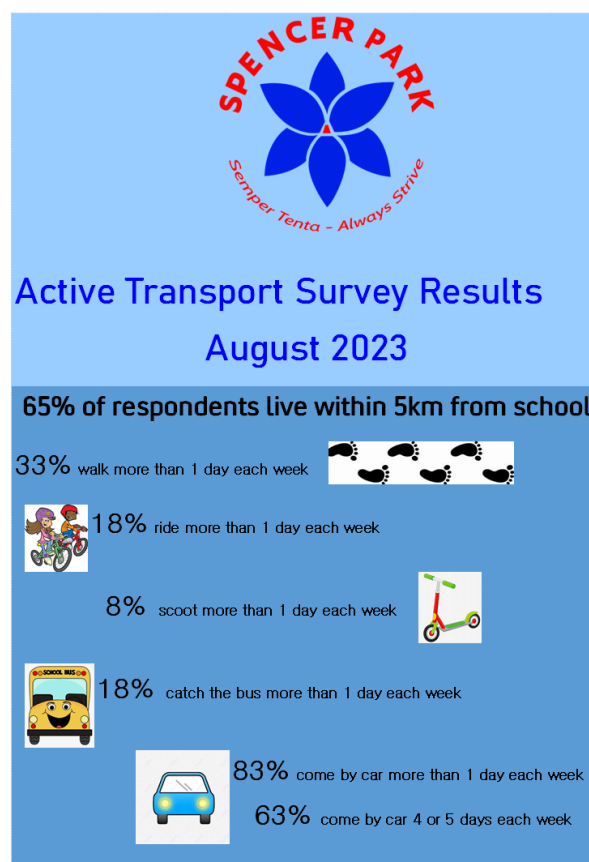
MOVING IN 2024

As we move towards the end of the year it is important that we have an accurate picture of school numbers for the new school year. It is crucial that you inform the school of any intention to move from Spencer Park in 2024. Our funding and the way we organise our classes is dependent on a clear understanding of student numbers in each year level across the school. From here on in and for the remainder of the year, notifying us if your child will not be here in 2024 will assist greatly when it comes to planning for the new school year.

RESULTS ARE IN: FAMILY SURVEY

Thank you to all the families who took the opportunity to respond to our survey on active transport. We had one third of our families' return surveys. This information will inform how we plan for Your Move events into the future. Our results highlight the need to include road safety education, continue our journey to install secure bike/scooter storage and to share concerns about the lack of connecting pathways and safe crossing points with the City of Albany.

Keep an eye out for our next Active Transport event.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Envelopes for ordering school photos will come home early next week. School photos will be taken on Wednesday 13, Thursday 14 and Friday 15 September. On photo day please ensure that your child is in correct uniform with their hair nicely brushed. All students must bring their completed personalised envelopes to the photo day even if you are not going to purchase photos. The photography team will collect ALL envelopes.

FATHER DAY STALL

31 August and 1 September



2023 Father's Day Stall
The Spencer Park P&C are proud to bring you this year's stall

Bin It Basketball \$7
Wristband \$5
Mug and Coaster \$7
Magnetic Sculpture \$6
3 in 1 tool \$5
Handy Lantern \$7
Essentials pack \$8
Gapo Dreaming Eco Travel Mug \$7
Funny Man Massager \$4
Torch Keyring \$4
DAD \$5
SUPER DAD \$5
BEST DAD \$5
Metal number plate \$5

Thursday 31st August – ESC, Kindy to Year 2
Friday 1st September – Year 3 to Year 6

The gifts available are on this flyer so that siblings can plan their purchase in advance. Subject to availability.
All purchases will go in to the draw to win a Father's Day hamper

SECRET CODE

Somewhere within the text of this newsletter we have buried a six-digit code. When you have found the code, SMS 0437 619 154 and include your family name and the code. The first correct answer will win a \$10 canteen credit. Winners will be announced on our Facebook page and receive notification by SMS. With regret, prizes are only available to families enrolled at our school.

WHAT'S NEWS!

It's always great to see our students excelling at school and in the community. Does your child participate in a community club or group or joined in a special event? We'd love to celebrate this with you ... why not share your snaps? Email your photos to spencerpark.ps@education.wa.edu.au along with a brief description and we'll publish it in our next newsletter. Already shared on Facebook? Why not make your post public and tag us @SpencerParkPS?

VACATION SWIMMING LESSONS



Department of Education
Shaping the future

VacSwim

Enrolments now open!
Places are limited, so get in early.

Help keep your child safe in the water.
Enrol now for the school holidays.

education.wa.edu.au/vacswim



COMMUNITY NEWS

Please note notices appearing below are not necessarily endorsed by the school. We provide this space for community groups to advertise to the school community. It is up to parents to scrutinise the activity and organisers for their child.



GO FOR 2 & 5 ALBANY KITE FIESTA
SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER '23
10AM - 4PM ANZAC PEACE PARK
KINJARLING ALBANY FORESHORE

FREE FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT
GIANT KITES
ART DRAWING
Kite Making kits \$6

Join Michael + Jan Alvares of **KITE KINETICS**
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for kite making and kite flying FUN!!

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